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CONDITIONS YESTERDAY

Texas—Generally fair; calm and pleasant over the state with gradually rising temperature; no rain. Temperature 45 in the north and 55 to 60 in the southern part.

Oklahoma—Generally clear; calm, and pleasant; no rain.

Louisiana—Shreveport clear and pleasant; no rain.

West Texas—Fair Sunday; slightly warmer in the western portion. Monday, fair.

East Texas—Fair Sunday; Monday, fair and warmer.

Building at Alice Progress Rapidly

ALICE, Texas, Dec. 16.—A. J. Richards' twin brick store buildings are nearly ready for occupancy. H. G. Boucher will occupy one of them and the American meat market will open in the adjoining building.

James Gibson's twin two-story buildings are ready for the roof and rapidly approaching completion. C. A. Lodge is the contractor for both the Richards and Gibson buildings.

Work is progressing on each of Robert Schaller's two-story brick buildings. One of these fronts on

South Second street and the other on Wright street. This is the building recently purchased from the Citizen's State bank and joins that bank's building on the north. W. B. Corwin is the contractor on these two buildings.

Work commenced a week ago on the Alice State bank brick building and on William Adams' brick building. Each of these structures is two stories high. Gray & Nelson of Victoria are the contractors and have 150 days in which to finish both the buildings.

Work is well advanced on the \$10,000 two-story brick addition to the schoolhouse. Bailey Mills has this contract.

Contractor J. H. Ross is under way with Mr. Myers' fine two-story frame residence just west of the city hall.

In addition to these there are several smaller houses under construction.

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TRIP OF GREAT INTEREST IS
PLANNED.

Business Men of Leading Cities of
Middle West Will Make the
Long Journey.

(Caller-Herald Special.)
SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Dec. 16.—

For the purpose of studying conditions in Mexico, to encourage a friendly feeling for the citizens of the United States and Mexico, to renew confidence of the general public in the integrity of the Mexican government and to bring to the attention of American capitalists the opportunities for profitable investment in Mexico under protection of a sound and stable government, an extensive business excursion to be made through the land of Montezuma next March is now being planned by the International Club of this city.

The excursionists are to include business men from Kansas City, St. Louis, Omaha, New Orleans, New York, Chicago, Cleveland, Houston, Dallas and San Antonio. The trip will be of twenty days' duration, which will be the actual time to be consumed in Mexico, and the tour is to include all points of interest in the republic. The excursionists are to assemble in San Antonio and a special train of Pullmans is to convey the party over the proposed route. Accommodations are being planned for about 300 business men.

The excursionists are to leave their respective cities on the first Tuesday in March in order to get the benefit of the homeseekers' rate, which is \$25 to almost any point in the United States. The party is to leave here about the first Friday in March over the I. & G. N. via Laredo to Monterrey, where the first stop in Mexican territory will be made and where the tourists will be guests of the governor of the state of Nuevo Leon and the Monterrey business men. A day will be spent in Monterrey.

The other towns included in the itinerary in the order in which they will be visited are Saltillo, San Luis Potosi, Tampico, Queretaro, City of Mexico, Irapuato, Guadalajara, Silao, Guanajuato, Aguas Calientes, Zacatecas, Torreon, Durango and Piedras Negras.

Many interesting side trips are planned, prominent among which will be a visit to Vera Cruz, the "City of the True Cross," and the cañon of

Guanajuato, reputed to antedate the ancient ruins of Egypt. On the return trip the excursionists will be given an opportunity to climb old snow-capped Popocatepetl of legendary fame.

TRAINER IS NOT GUILTY.

Jury Returns Verdict in Constable
Trainer's Case.

(Caller-Herald Special.)
SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Dec. 16.—Two and a half minutes after the jury left the courtroom of the thirty-seventh district court today, it returned with a verdict of "Not guilty," in the case of John Trainer, constable of Bexar county charged with failing to make an arrest. Trainer, who was indicted and charged with the failure to arrest a woman alleged to be conducting a disorderly house,

ONIONS ARE TRANSPLANTED.

Growers in Vicinity of Laredo Have
Gangs of Men at Work in Fields.

LAREDO, Tex., Dec. 16.—The onion growers in this immediate section are busy. They have large forces of men busy transplanting those small onions in the seed beds which were not injured by the recent freeze.

It is estimated that about 20 per cent of the onion sets which were in the seed beds at the time of the recent cold spell were badly damaged, and most of the damaged sets will not be transplanted. However, a large acreage has already been set and the loss to the onion crop this season will not be as much as was at first expected. The acreage will probably be about 1,500 acres or more, and the prospects are that a good crop will be made this season.

MANUFACTURE GOODS CHEAPER.

Magnus Brown Proposes National
Wool Growers' Build Own
Factory.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 16.—The establishment by the National Wool Growers' Association of a factory to give consumers "better goods at lower prices," was the proposition of Magnus Brown, president of the Minnesota Wool Growers' Association, in an address before the forty-eighth annual convention of the National Wool Growers' Association. Brown said that the impression prevails that the present high cost of clothing is due to the duty on raw wool; that it is erroneous and could best be refuted by the manufacture of raw material into the finished product by the wool growers themselves.

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PRIORITY WATER RIGHTS.

Suit Filed Affects All Canals and Irriga-
tion Companies Supplied by
the Colorado.

BAY CITY, Tex., Dec. 16.—Suit was filed in the district court of Matagorda county, by attorneys of Orange, Texas, for the Colorado Canal company of Bay City against the Gravity Irrigation and Power company of this city to test the validity of the statute of priority of water rights. The irrigation companies who have complied with the law requiring them to file in the county clerk's office of their domicile the date of the commencement of said irrigation company, the capacity of its pumps, canals, etc., should have a prior water right to the irrigation organizations thereafter.

This suit is one of the largest that has ever been filed in Matagorda county. While no money consideration is involved, yet the termination of this suit will have a far-reaching effect for the reason that the Colorado river, in recent years, in the extremely dry weather does not and has not furnished sufficient water to irrigate all of the land under the various canals and irrigation companies on the river, and if the court should hold that the statute giving the canal companies priority water right it will mean that the majority of the canals in Matagorda county would have a superior right to the water from the Colorado river than those in the counties north and above Matagorda county, as Matagorda county's irrigation companies, with the exception of one or two in Colorado county, were the first to comply with the law giving to them priority of water rights; and while it might be detrimental to one or two canals in Matagorda county who have better facilities to get water from the Colorado river than the others, yet if this statute is upheld by the courts it will be of great benefit to each and every irrigation company in Matagorda county.

THREE NEW OIL PRODUCERS.

Wells Near Oil City Reported to Be
Brought In.

SHREVEPORT, La., Dec. 16.—Sam Goy, local operator, reports that the Standard Oil company drilled in an oil well of 8,000 barrels capacity daily in section 10, township 20, range 16, near Oil City, and that the Etchison and Cudahy companies have just drilled in well producing 1,500 and 400 barrels daily, respectively.

Reception for Mrs. H. H. Sevier,
SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Dec. 16.—The Daughters of the Republic of Texas gave a reception yesterday at the Gunter hotel in honor of Mrs. Hal H. Sevier, formerly Miss Clara Driscoll. More than 150 of the members were present. This is Mrs. Sevier's first visit to this city in over a year. She is accompanied by her husband, H. H. Sevier. They will remain here for several weeks.

Judge Thos. J. Seehorn of the circuit court, Kansas City, Mo., an old friend of W. H. Brown, arrived in Corpus Christi yesterday to spend some time for the benefit of his health.